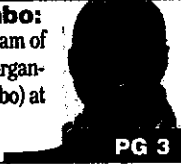


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Retired police to train mgambo:
The IGP, Said Mwema has re-appointed a team of four retired Police officers who will help in organising and training of Auxiliary Police (mgambo) at Local Government level.



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US to work with Afghan leader:
The US has said it is ready to work with the next Afghan president despite questions about the gov't legitimacy after challenger Abdullah Abdullah withdrew from race.



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Simba 15 clean games:
Simba last league game lost was on March 22 to Mubwa Sugar which means Simba is unbeaten in 15 games.



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JK opens modern emergency ward services at Muhimbili

By Sylvester Joseph

FOR the first time, emergency ward services meeting international

standards will be part of Tanzania's public health system, thanks to the opening of a new Emergency Medicine Department building and extensive training being conducted at Muhimbili National Hospital

(MNH).

At a ceremony held yesterday in Dar es Salaam, President Jakaya Kikwete officially handed the emergency complex to MNH. The complex was renovated by Abbott

Fund.

"The opening of this emergency centre will help to save lives in Dar es Salaam and across the region, and will lead to fundamental differences in the way

emergency care is practiced across the country in the future," said President Kikwete.

He said before the donation was made, the country had no emergency *Cont. Pg 2*



President Jakaya Kikwete (in forefront) in company of other government leaders comes out of the dental unit building at the Muhimbili Medical University and Allied Sciences after the launch of the building yesterday. Pictuire by Muhidn Sufiani.

Ruangwa MP Ng'itu is no more

By Tobias Nsungwe, Dodoma and Sylvester Joseph Dar es Salaam

THE Ruangwa legislator in Lindi Region, Sigifrid Ng'itu (CCM) has died. He died in Dar es Salaam yesterday at around 00.15 am from a stroke and diabetes.

This means the seat shall remain vacant until the end of the current term of the Parliament.

"Once again I stand here to bring you sad news. Our colleague, Sigifrid Ng'itu, the Ruangwa MP, is no more. The MP, who was admitted to MOI (Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute), died during the mid-night today at around 00.15 *Cont. Pg 2*

JK opens emergency room services

From Pg 1 medical department, adding that rooms were being used as hospital receptions where patients had die before being attended to.

The President who also received dental equipment for the Dental School said with the equipment, the school will be upgraded from training dentists who only do tooth extraction though they have the capacity to handle various dental problems.

He said the Government will strive to increase budget allocation to the national dental hospital to help it sustain its operations after the enrollment is anticipated to double from 20 to 40 dentists, because of the existence of training equipment.

Speaking at the same occasion, the Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Prof David Mwakiyusi said emergency medicine is a specialty that is typically offered as part of medical training in most parts of Africa.

"As a result, patients admitted to public hospitals for acute conditions generally receive limited care until a specialist is available to provide treatment. With the opening of the new Emergency Medicine Department, state-of-the-art urgent care will be available to patients and a comprehensive training programme will upgrade emergency care expertise for staff at Muhimbili and across the country," he said. According to Prof Leonard Lema, MNH Executive Director, the new Emergency Medicine Department provides resources and procedures that significantly improve urgent medical care at the hospital.

Said he: "Our broader goal is to utilize this department as a training ground and create a residency programme in Emergency Medicine at MNH. This will help elevate the level of emergency care throughout the country."

The building renovation, new equipment and staff training are be-

ing supported by a grant from the Abbott Fund, the philanthropic foundation of the global health care company Abbott.

The initiative is part of a broader partnership between the Government of Tanzania and the Abbott Fund to strengthen the country's health care system.

According to Catherine Babington, the Fund's President, the USD 3 million project is an extension of the Abbott Fund's partnership with the Government of Tanzania to improve health care infrastruc-

ture. "The investment in the Department of Emergency Medicine is a key step in addressing needs in the health care system and develop solutions that will have the greatest impact in improving people's lives," said Catherine.

She said through that new facility and a strong focus on staff training, their goal was to significantly improve emergency medical care in Tanzania.

The late Sigfrid Ng'itu

1954 and got his primary education at Nkove Primary School between 1963-1969. He later joined Ndanda Secondary School for O-Level Education between 1970 and 1973 before joining Shinyanga Secondary School for A-Level Education in 1974 and 1975.

He attained a BA degree (Economics) at the University of Dar es Salaam in 1982.

He was elected as expected to be elected at this time because the country was too close to the general elections. This was made clear by the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Policy and Parliament, Julius Mame, when he said the

the Law of the Child Bill

which was tabled yesterday, is expected to be moved in Parliament this morning.

Meanwhile, many friends and relatives converged at deceased home at Mbezi Beach in Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam to offer their condolences.

According to the family spokesman Andrew Napacho, the family has temporarily agreed to take Ng'itu's body to his village at Mibure in Lwanga District, where the body will be buried on Friday this week.

The decision was reached after a long debate between Ng'itu's wife Prisca Ng'itu, supported by her children and Ng'itu's parents. Prisca and children wanted the body to be buried in Dar es Salaam, while the parents insisted the body be taken to Mibure village. According to Napacho, Ng'itu was suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes before his death.

Parents refuse 'second' exam

From Pg 1 confusion and dissatisfaction was witnessed.

The candidates who were interviewed said they were only summoned by their head teacher, one Mr. Myara to go to school so that they can sit for an exam.

They said given that many days have passed since they sat for the national Std VII exams and most of them

had not been studying, being compelled to do another exam at short notice was unfair and ploy to make them fail.

The parents who assembled at the school were furious and wanted the education officers from the Kinondoni Municipal Council to assure them that the exam was not part of the national exams and its outcome was not in any way going to affect it.

"We want you to assure us as parents that this exam will not influence the coming results. You

will have to do that by committing yourselves in writing and a copy be served to us," said Juma Ujile, the school's Parents Committee chairman and the Area Chairman for Alimaua A under CHADEMA ticket.

It was hard for the Kinondoni education officers at the school to explain the aim of all this. They said they wanted the candidates to do a test as part of their research to be used in improving education standards in the municipality.

According to one of the education officials who never wanted to introduce himself to our reporter, the district selected five schools in the municipality to carry such research and the tests were not to interfere with the outcome of their national exams.

When parents asked them to issue them with a written document that will commit them that the test had nothing to do with national exams results, the offi-

cers declined.

The incident prompted parents to refuse to allow their children, who were present in the school compound, to sit for the exams and called for the officials to leave the school premises.

The officials left the school in an official Toyota Landcruiser Reg. Number SM 4570 with "Kinondoni Municipal Council" scribbled on the door. The officials left without accomplishing their mission.

There were rumours among some parents that some schools in Kinondoni municipality had performed excellently, hence the district officials wanted to satisfy themselves before the results are announced at end of this month to satisfy themselves that there was no leakage.

Up to the time we went to press efforts to get the Municipal Director for comment were not successful.